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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-13
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-13
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-13
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:
D1 : WO 95/24038 A (CIRRUS LOGIC INC) 8 September 1995 (1995-09-08)
2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 to 13 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2.1. Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document):

a device for recording information ("disk drive system", on page 4, lines 9-10), in blocks having logical addresses ("logical sector number", on page 9, line 7) on a record carrier (for example figure 1), which device comprises

- recording means for recording marks in a track on the record carrier representing the information (page 4, lines 9-10, in conjunction with figure 1)
- control means ("system", on page 9, lines 4-8) for controlling the recording by locating each block ("target", on page 9, lines 4-8) at a physical address in the track, the control means comprising
- addressing means for translating the logical addresses into the physical addresses and vice versa in dependence of defect management information (page 9, lines 6-8),
- defect management means ("Sector slipping" on page 8, lines 3-23) for detecting defects and maintaining the defect management information in defect management areas on the record carrier (page 5, line 5, to page 6, line 5), the defect management information at least including remapping information indicative for translating a logical address initially mapped to a physical address exhibiting a defect to an alternate physical address in a defect management area ("Sector slipping" on page 8, lines 3-23; figures 3a-3e, 4, 5a, 5b),
- contiguous recording detection means for detecting a series of blocks having a continuous logical address range to be recorded in a corresponding allocated physical address range (page 7, lines 16, 17: "to read or write the data in a consecutive order corresponding to the logical sector numbers"),
- offset means for generating local offset information for, in the event of a defect interrupting the allocated physical address range, adding an offset to a local range of physical addresses in said address translation for skipping the defect and writing the blocks logically following the last block before the defect at physical addresses following the defect (page 9, lines 4-8), and
- end portion ("spares", page 9, lines 13-19; figures 3b, 3c) recording means for

accommodating recording an end portion of at least one block of the continuous logical address range, which end portion extends beyond the allocated physical address range due to the defect.

So claim 1 is not new.

2.2. In **D1**, the end portion recording means are for recording the end portion in a defect management area, in particular in a single defect management area (page 9, lines 13-19, in conjunction with page 6, line 9, to page 7, line 32, and figures 3a-3e).

So dependent claim 2 is not new.

2.3. In **D1**, the end portion recording means are for remapping a number of blocks following the allocated physical address range, the number corresponding to the number of blocks in the end portion, and for recording the end portion starting at the physical address following the allocated physical address range ("spares", page 9, lines 13-19; figures 3b, 3c).

So dependent claim 3 is not new.

2.4. In **D1**, the end portion recording means are for retrieving all previously recorded blocks in a physical address range from the physical address following the allocated physical address range up to a defect management area, for recording the end portion starting at the physical address following the allocated physical address range, and for recording said retrieved previously recorded blocks starting at the physical address following the recorded end portion (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 6, line 9, to page 10, line 8).

So dependent claim 4 is not new.

2.5. In **D1**, the offset means are for generating at least one offset entry, the offset entry indicating a logical "from" address and an offset to be added to a physical address for logical address equal to or above the logical "from" address, in particular up to a next logical "from" address in a next offset entry (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 12, line 27, to page 13, line 18; page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 17).

So dependent claim 5 is not new.

2.6. In **D1**, the offset means are for generating an entry in the remapping information for a logical address that has been reassigned to a different physical address by the end portion recording means (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 12, line 27, to page 13, line 18;

page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 17).

So dependent claim 6 is not new.

2.7. In **D1**, the end portion recording means are for detecting a free location on the record carrier, for recording the end portion in the free location, and for remapping original logical addresses assigned to the free location, in particular remapping an original logical address to the physical address of the defect interrupting the allocated physical address range (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 12, line 27, to page 13, line 18; page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 17).

So dependent claim 7 is not new.

2.8. In **D1** the end portion recording means are for detecting a free location on the record carrier, for recording the end portion in the free location, and for updating **file system information** indicating the logical addresses of the series of blocks as part of a file (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 12, line 27, to page 13, line 18; page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 17). Indeed **D1** relates to the control of storage systems for digital computers so the control device has inherently file system information.

So dependent claim 8 is not new.

2.9. in **D1**, the end portion recording means are for detecting a free location on the record carrier, for retrieving previously recorded blocks in a physical address range following the allocated physical address range, for recording the end portion in the physical address range following the allocated physical address range, for recording said retrieved previously recorded blocks in the free location, and for updating file system information indicating the logical addresses of said retrieved previously recorded blocks as part of a file (figures 3d-3e, 4, 5a, 5b; page 12, line 27, to page 13, line 18; page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 17).

So dependent claim 9 is not new.

2.10. In **D1**, the contiguous recording detection means are for detecting a continuous recordings indicator in a recording command, and for detecting the series of blocks representing real-time information, in particular video information (page 7, lines 16, 17: "to read or write the data in a consecutive order corresponding to the logical sector numbers"). Indeed **D1** relates to the control of storage systems for digital computers so it relates to storage systems for storing for example real-time information such as video information.

So dependent claim 10 is not new.

2.11. Point 2.1. above applies mutatis mutandis to the device of independent claim 11 for reading information in blocks having logical addresses on a record carrier, which device comprises

- reading means for reading marks in a track on the record carrier representing the information,
- control means for controlling the reading by locating each block at a physical address in the track, the control means comprising
- addressing means for translating the physical addresses into the logical addresses and vice versa in dependence of defect management information, the defect management information at least including remapping information indicative for translating a logical address initially mapped to a physical address exhibiting a defect to an alternate physical address in a defect management area, and
- offset means for recovering local offset information for adding an offset to a local range of physical addresses in said address translation for skipping a defect.

So claim 11 is not new.

2.12. Point 2.1. above applies mutatis mutandis to independent method claim 12, which comprises all the technical features of apparatus claim 1 but in terms of method steps, and to claim 13 which defines a computer program product for recording of information, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 12.